Turn down of Cogentrix Proposal

2263. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have turned down the cogentrix proposal;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the reasons as to why it was not acceptable to Government; and

(c) whether any alternatives to the Cogentrix proposal has been evolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal in this regard has so far been received from Government of Karnataka.

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†2264. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is one of the most backward countries in the matter of women rights as per the report submitted to the Prime Minister by National Rural Development Institute, Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Uttar Pradesh is the most backward State in the country in this matter; and

(c) if so, what action so far has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) India Rural Development Report brought out by National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad has discussed the gender issues in India. The Report quotes the Human Development Report 1999 brought out by UNDP which has developed Gender Related Development Index (GDI). This index reflects the gender disparities in basic human capabilities. GDI has been presented for 143 countries and India Ranks 112. However, GDI does not reflect

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